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A Little More Old Fashioned New England Spanking For Children and Grown People Would Cure Some of the Common Form of Mushy Intellect

ALL AGREEMENTS ARE ABROGATED BY LABOR BOARD

Rules of Federal Administration to End July 1

CALLS FOR CONFERENCE

Decision Means Working Conditions Must Be Settled By Individual Railroads

Chicago, April 15.—National agreements defining working conditions for employees on all American railroads formerly under the Federal Railroad Administration were yesterday ordered abrogated, effective July 1, 1921, by the United States Railroad Labor Board.

The board called upon the officers and system organizations of employees of each railroad to select representatives "to confer and to decide" as much of the rules controversy as possible. "Such conferences shall begin at the earliest possible date," the decision said.

While the decision did not specifically say so, members of the board declared that all disputes as to rules and working conditions automatically were referred back to individual conferences between each individual railroad and its employees. This method of procedure had been sought by the railroads, whereas the labor side had favored a national conference between representatives of "all" roads and all unions.

The decision affected all railroad employees except those in train service who are under separate agreements between the individual railroads and the four big brotherhoods. In connection with the conference negotiations the board laid down a set of sixteen principles to serve as a foundation for any rules which may be agreed to in the conference. The present general rules hearing before the Labor Board, which has been in progress since January 10, will continue until both sides have completed their testimony, following which the board "will promulgate such rules as it determines just and reasonable as soon after July 1, 1921, as is reasonably possible and will make them effective as of July 1, 1921."

The sixteen principles outlined by the board were drawn up by Henry T. Hunt of the Public Group and upheld the right of the employees to organize for lawful purposes, the right to negotiate through representatives of their own choosing, the right of seniority and the principle of the eight hour day.

It was specified that "eight hours work must be given for eight hours pay." Espionage should not be practiced by either side, the decision said, and employees' representatives should have the right to make an agreement applying to all employees in the craft or class of the representatives.

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FRANK HOWE MATTISON

Prominent Shaftsbury Citizen Died Thursday Morning.

In the death of Frank H. Mattison of Hawks avenue, Thursday morning April 14, the town loses one of its best citizens—the community in which he lived, the kindest of neighbors; and his friends, one whom it was always a pleasure to meet; for his cheerful greeting, his ready wit and remarks will not soon be forgotten by those with whom he came in daily contact.

Mr. Mattison was born in the town of Shaftsbury, June 26, 1845, and spent practically all of his seventy-six years in that town. He was the son of Peter and Mary Howe Mattison. In his younger days he taught in the public schools of the town, but the greater part of his active life was spent in farming. Mr. Mattison was twice married, the first time in his youth to Miss Diana Carpenter of Shaftsbury and about twenty years ago to Miss Jennie Cross of the same town, who survives him. Of the first union there were six children, five of whom are now living, Fred of No. Bennington, Carl of Williamstown, Hiram of Chester, John of Bennington and one daughter, Mrs. Bessie Gilmore of North Grafton, Mass. He had also ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Mattison had held various offices of trust in the town. He was a member of Tucker Lodge F. and A. M., Temple Chapter R. A. M. and Taft Commandery K. T.

He had been blessed with unusually good health, with few severe illnesses, until stricken March 10 with his last sickness, when there seemed to be no hope from the first.

The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 from the residence on Hawks avenue, Rev. J. C. Rawson of the Baptist church officiating and interment will be in the cemetery at Shaftsbury Center, Tucker Lodge rendering the Masonic burial service at the grave.

SPORT ADORED BY FILIPINOS

Cock Fighting the One Occupation That Appeals to the Heart of the Brown Brothers.

In every one of the larger cities of the Philippines and throughout every one of the thousands of little barrios—smaller than the townships of Minnesota—there is a place where the cock is adored and adored sport, but one game that is pre-eminently popular from the mountain fastnesses of the headhunters to the southern shores of Moroland, and that is cock fighting.

Every Sunday morning—for Sunday is the great day for the sport—at the first crack of dawn along the roads and trails that lead into the little settlements and on the streets that twist through the smelly and ramshackle barrios, will be met numbers of Filipinos walking with a quick, jaunty step, anticipation written plainly upon their brown faces and an unusual light in their dark eyes. Each carries his favorite game cock under his arm, and all are converging upon the cockpit.

Kept It Up Too Long.

One day at a community sing we were instructed to sing a round. As this was the first round I had ever sung I had great difficulty in carrying the tune with my set. To make it easier, I put my fingers in my ears so that I wouldn't hear the other divisions singing. Imagine my embarrassment when, taking my fingers from my ears, I discovered I had been singing about a minute after the others had stopped, and that they were all sitting there laughing at me.—Exchange.

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MINERS REFUSE TO DISCUSS PLANS OF SETTLEMENT

British Coal Diggers Stick to Original Demands

ALLIANCE LOSING ITS GRIP

Strikes of the Railwaymen and Transport Workers Tonight Called Off

London, April 15.—Premier Lloyd George announced in the house of commons this afternoon that the striking miners had refused to reopen negotiations for a settlement on the basis that had been suggested. It was also announced this afternoon that the railwaymen's strike set for 10 o'clock tonight had been cancelled by the general secretary of the railwaymen's union. No explanation of the new proposition taken by the railwaymen was announced but it is thought that it may indicate a split of the triple alliance.

The miners in their latest decision said that a temporary settlement would be possible only through concession of the two principles, a national wages board and a national profits pool.

Later in the day it was announced that the proposed strike of transport workers had been called off.

The calling of a conference of representatives of miners from all the coal fields at a date to be fixed tomorrow was decided upon by the executive committee of the miners' union today. They took action after hearing of the cancellation of the railwaymen's and transport workers' sympathetic strike. The executive said this meant the miners would continue the strike.

London, Friday, April 15.—Desperate efforts are being made to reopen the negotiations between the miners and mine-owners for a settlement of the coal strike. A deputation from the House of Commons visited Premier Lloyd George about midnight after Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' union, had addressed members of the House and explained the miners' points. The mine-owners have decided to invite the miners' leaders to continue the discussion.

The deputation of members of the House of Commons left the premier's residence at 12:50 o'clock this morning. They declined to talk, but many of them are reported to have displayed "an obvious air of relief." Evan Williams, president of the Mining association, announced at a late hour that the mine owners would extend another invitation to the representatives of the miners to deliberate both nationally and in the various districts with the object of ascertaining what was feasible to improve the lot of the lower paid miners. The owners then again visited "the great man" in response to a summons from the prime minister. New hopes of a resumption of the negotiations, therefore, have arisen through this offer of the mine owners to meet the miners' leaders around a new conference table and also the offer made by Mr. Hodges in his speech to a meeting of the members of Parliament. In this the secretary of the miners' union said among other things—

"We are prepared to consider the question of wages provided they are not regarded as permanently on a district basis, but only as of a temporary character."

This offer will be conveyed to the premier. The whole labor movement is aligning itself solidly with the miners against the government. The workers seem to believe that the hour has struck for a final struggle against what they, rightly or wrongly, suspect to be an organized plan on the part of the employers to force down wages.

The prime minister, in a two-hour conference in the morning with representatives of the Triple Alliance, declared the government would fight on its refusal to grant a national pool of profits. There is still some mystery about the actual offer of the government made to the miners. No details of the financial assistance contemplated have been given officially, and, according to some intimates from the miners' side, the government has only promised assistance for the period of a month or six weeks, which the miners consider totally inadequate. This may possibly explain the miners' accusations, which the general public only dimly comprehends, that the government is acting solely in the interest of the mineowners.

Signer or Singer?

Matrimonial ad—"Wanted: A husband; must be a good singer." One's first thought is that the lady wants some one to pay her bills, but in all probability the huncher has made her appear mercenary when she is merely musical.—Boston Transcript.

Only True Reform.

The only reform that really reforms is the reform that comes from the heart of the individual. Not all the king's laws nor all the king's statutes can reform an evil community.—Duke de Boulogne.

PENNANT WINNERS

Bennington and Vergennes Lead in Sales of Christmas Seals

Harold W. Slocum, secretary of the Vermont Tuberculosis association, has received the pennants to be given the towns having the largest sale of Christmas seals per capita. The pennant in the class, A division, composed of towns having a population of over 5,000, was won by Bennington with a per capita sale of 5.1. In the B division, composed of towns having a population of less than 5,000, the pennant was won by Vergennes, with a per capita sale of 6.1. These seals were sold by the school children, shortly before last Christmas, and the pennants will be formally presented to Superintendent of schools D. W. McClelland of Bennington, and W. H. Carter of Vergennes, with appropriate exercises in the near future.

ALBANY JITNEYS MUST QUIT.

Court Orders Those Without Permits Off the Street.

Albany April 15.—Supreme Court Justice Hinman today granted a writ of mandamus requiring Mayor Watt to clear the streets of jitneys operated since the United Traction carmen struck January 29. The trolley lines have been open since about February 8, run by non union operators.

Judge Hinman's order declares the transportation corporation law is violated by the operation of lines without permits.

NOW DEMAND PIPE POCKETS

Philadelphia Newspaper Declares Up-to-Date Women Insist on Them in Their Garments.

New suits will have to possess a novel feature if up-to-date young women are to be satisfied. The pipe pocket should be considered in creating all feminine garments of the future.

Perhaps it is the effect of gaining the suffrage, so that they feel they must go to wider, freer conquests, but, anyway, certain it is that the girls are getting tired of cigarettes and are turning to good old-fashioned corncob pipes as a solace for the languors of modernity, says the Philadelphia Ledger.

Some time ago several young women in New York decided that cigarettes were too expensive, and that they ought to join the great world movement for financial conservation by substituting pipes for the more delicate joy. But at that time ordinary pipes were not tried, usually small, ladylike ones being selected.

Now, however, substantial corncobs, cheap, picturesque and nonbreakable, are the favorites.

"The corncob pipe is unpretentious, respectable and conservative," one of the corncob devotees explained. "Many of our great-grandmothers smoked corncobs. Especially is this true of those of us who had southern great-grandmothers. There is something like a Bolshevik about a cigarette, but we feel that in smoking corncobs we will be back on the sure foundation of good old-fashioned Americanism. The people who are always lamenting the good old days will be pleased, and will feel that the country is saved."

ANYWAY, PROPELLER IS GONE

Dispute Now is Whether It Was Torn, Bitten, or Blown Off, But It Is Missing.

What happened to the starboard propeller of the United Fruit liner Calamare, recently arrived at New York from Central American ports and Havana, puzzled her skipper, officers and passengers, who discussed the mystery since the ship threw a fit on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 19, in the placid Caribbean and started wallowing, heaving, pitching, tossing, rolling and doing other things that no healthy ship does all at the same time.

Capt. Harry Spencer stopped the liner and the chief engineer examined the starboard propeller. He found that one of the blades had been torn, bitten or blown off. Some surmised that a sea serpent might have nibbled at the propeller and others said outright there was no doubt a steel-eating Caribbean shark had bitten off the blade.

Captain Spencer derided these theories, declaring the blade had been blown off by the force of a subaqueous earthquake, as the Calamare began rocking violently a moment after the mysterious force was first felt. And there the matter rests.

Opossum a Pest in Australia.

New Zealand has a native species of opossum which wears a very beautiful fur. It is not at all like the opossum that we know in this country. Many years ago it was introduced into Australia, and finding there none of the natural enemies that preyed upon it in its own land, it has since increased in numbers until it has become a serious pest. It is a robber of fruit trees.

However, the value of the animal for its fur is so great as to outweigh the damage it does in the fruit-growing sections, and in view of this fact, the Australians are encouraging the increase of opossums in forest districts. Their skins are becoming a considerable item of export, and already many of them are made up into fashionable garments for women in the United States.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Overzealous.

"What is your idea of a grafter?" "A grafter," replied Senator Sorghum, "is a man who, when he finds an opportunity knocking at his door, isn't satisfied to give it a cordial welcome, but insists on dragging it in and beating the life out of it."

W. S. CARPENTER GIVEN DISMISSAL BY COMMISSIONER

Former Bennington Man Removed from Office at Albany

HAD REFUSED TO RESIGN

Result of Friction Over Land Purchase by New York Conservation Commission

The controversy that has centered about the state conservation commission in New York resulted Thursday in the summary dismissal by commissioner George D. Pratt of the commission secretary, Warwick S. Carpenter, a former resident of Bennington and well known writer on outdoor topics. Mr. Carpenter's removal followed a flat refusal to resign and is reported to have been ordered by Governor Miller.

Friends of Mr. Carpenter here in Bennington have known for some time that there was friction between the secretary and the commissioner and news of the former's removal will not come as a surprise to them.

It appears that department friction originated last summer when Mr. Carpenter, proceeding on what had been an alleged principle of the commission, opposed the acquisition of lands near Lake Okauchie in the Adirondacks unless the lake was also taken. The proposition of the commission was opposed before the state land board by the McIntire Iron company and a private club of wealthy state residents.

Mr. Carpenter refused to comment yesterday beyond the following letter to Commissioner Pratt: "With reference to your request for my resignation, because of my stand in the matter of land acquisition under the forest preserve board, I am sorry to hear that you have made up your mind to resign. I am nevertheless so firmly convinced that my position is thoroughly justified that I refuse to give you my resignation."

Mr. Pratt replied as follows: "Referring to our conversation this morning, and also your letter of today, as you refuse to hand me your resignation as secretary of the conservation commission, which I have this day requested, I beg to announce that your services are herewith dispensed with, to take effect at once."

Bennington sportsmen who came to know Mr. Carpenter during the years that he made the Bennington County Forest, Fish and Game association a "live" organization will see nothing inconsistent for him in the attitude he has taken and which has resulted in the regretted break with the commission. While living in Bennington Mr. Carpenter made it plain that he possessed certain ideals along the broad lines of conservation from which he was unwilling to recede at the behest of private interests. He has apparently attempted to retain these ideals with the same uncompromising enthusiasm since becoming secretary of the commission.

GOOD CHEER AT WHITE HOUSE

President Harding's Reported Bill of Fare Certainly Smacks of Democratic Simplicity.

It is said that the Harding White House bill of fare will include chicken pie, as the first lady of the land knows how to make it—and waffles, browned to a turn, by the efficient old-fashioned colored cook of the Harding household.

This smacks of democratic simplicity and "homey" housekeeping of the good old days.

The state breakfast and the diplomatic dinner are necessarily more pretentious, and "old-time eating," served in the old-time way, if not altogether discontinued, is so disguised as to make the satisfying plenty of the home table seem like a far-off dream.

But, allowing for the proprieties of state banquets and the like, there is never a distinguished guest of them all but that has come up from plain "home raising," and still remembers the dishes of old days as more to thank God for than all the French refinements of later repasts.

The "homeliness" and heartiness of the former linger with them forever in much the same way as they did with our old friend of the "Uncle Remus" stories when, after a certain notable banquet, he and seldom attended such, he remarked: "Now I'm going home to eat!"—Atlanta Constitution.

DINNER AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Followed by Address: By John D. Stapleton of New York.

One of the interesting events of the week was the monthly dinner of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Thursday noon. Dinner was served to about 50 men by the woman's auxiliary and following the dinner a short program was given.

A. J. Holden, president of the association, presided and spoke briefly. Harold Murray gave a violin solo and Earl Chase sang two selections. Both young men were called back. The principal feature of the occasion was an address by John D. Stapleton, Religious Secretary of the International Y. M. C. A. at New York. Mr. Stapleton's topic was "Industrial Relations" and the importance of any young Christian character in business and in dealing with the economic problems of the day.

Y. M. C. A. ACTIVITIES

John R. Stapleton Speaks at Business Men's Dinner.

Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews will read one of her famous stories at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The public is invited to come yourself and invite your friends. Other speakers will take part at this open meeting which will be especially devoted to camp life. Pictures and talks and readings will be a main feature. Abnankans, scouts, clubs and campers will meet to eat and enjoy a social hour at 6 o'clock with special guests at each banquet. More than 400 boys and girls attended the free show yesterday at Harte theatre, through the kindness and generosity of Mr. Harte who furnished films, operators, helpers and the building. The general secretary of the Y was able to show a special club feature to many boys and girls. It is hoped other shows of similar nature may be shown and certainly the affair was an enjoyable one.

Twelve meetings were held through the country last night under the supervision of H. W. Winslow. The subject at these meetings was the call of the hour, need of confidence and leadership. Chief of the speakers were, John Stapleton, international committeeman at the M. E. church; George Robins, state Sunday school general secretary, Congregational; Franklin D. Elmer, Congregational church, Colgate University; at Baptist church; Ernest L. Rand, deputy field commissioner, at North Bennington; Byron Robins, state Y. M. C. A. secretary at South Shaftsbury. These men spoke before large and interested crowds.

The business men's dinner held at the Y gymnasium yesterday was well attended and much enjoyed. Mrs. T. H. Southall and Mrs. Frank Howe had charge of the dinner. They were assisted by Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Mallory, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Vondra, Mrs. Gaskell, Mrs. Vose and Miss Goodell. Mrs. George Hawks furnished flowers for the tables. Miss Bessie Knepe played during the meal. Earle Chase sang and Harold Murray acted as toastmaster and in introducing John R. Stapleton of the international committee, gave a fine outline of the industrial situation. Mr. Stapleton spoke of the present day difficulties, pointing to various epochs of history which had been similar and emphasizing the need that America show this optimism that Europe may look over here and live. He gave as a solution a working faith in the great White Christ, and urged every one to his standard. The dinner was open to all men of Bennington and will be a monthly affair. The next one will be held on May 11 with William H. Jeffrey Esq. of Montpelier as speaker. The Y needs 100 guests at the next dinner.

WARNING

The legal voters of the village of Bennington are hereby notified and warned to meet at H. G. school hall in said village of Bennington on Monday, April 18, 1921 at eight o'clock in the evening to transact the following business:

Article 1. To see what authority the village will give its trustees relative to executing an agreement with the Vermont company, formerly the Bennington & North Adams Street Railway Company, for postponing or delaying the collection of paving assessments and other similar charges of a village against the Vermont Company, and to determine upon what considerations such an agreement may be executed.

Article 2. To transact any other business found necessary when met.

Wm. P. Hogan, Village Clerk.

Bennington, Vt., April 6, 1921.

ESTATE OF LEONARD V. MEARS

State of Vermont.

District of Bennington, ss.

The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Bennington.

To all persons interested in the estate of Leonard V. Mears late of Bennington, in said District, deceased:

WHEREAS, said Court has assigned the 6th day of May, next, for examining and allowing the account of the Administrator of the estate of said deceased and for a decree of the residue of said estate to the lawful claimants of the same, and ordered that public notice thereof be given to all persons interested in said estate by publishing this order three weeks successively previous to the day assigned, in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, in said District.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear at the Probate Office in Bennington in said District, on the day assigned, then and there to contest the allowance of said account if you see cause, and to establish your right as heirs, legatees and lawful claimants to said residue.

Given under my hand this 13th day of April, 1921.

AMY H. HARRIS, Register.

APRIL 15-22-23.

TROUT FISHING BEST IN YEARS IN THIS VICINITY

Good Catches Reported by Those Early on Streams

BOYS VISIT DEWEY BROOK

Small Stream Flowing Through Village Gives Up Usual Number of Fish

Successes of fishermen who returned from the streams early in the forenoon indicated one of the best opening days of the trout season in a number of years. Those who have made it a practice to observe conditions have been predicting that the comparatively open weather of last winter would have a beneficial effect upon early fishing and these predictions apparently were verified.

Limited catches were made by a number of fishermen on the South stream during the early hours of the forenoon. Reports have been received from Woodford that the fish were coming good and that some good baskets would be reported before night. Dewey brook the small stream running through the village, and which is fished by the small boys is apparently living up to its record of former years. At least one catch of ten good sized fish was made on the stream and more than a dozen boys are reported to have had from three to seven legal fish early in the forenoon.

One fisherman was observed to take five legal trout out of one hole in the Woodford stream.

Most of the fishermen who returned during the forenoon came from the South stream where more than the usual number of fish are being caught.

THE WEATHER.

Unsettled weather tonight and Saturday, probably showers. Cooler Saturday.

Thinness of Spider's Thread. A scientist once compared a hair of his beard with a spider's thread under a microscope and estimated that it would take 10,000 threads to equal one hair in substance.

INGROWN TOE NAIL TURNS OUT ITSELF

A few drops of "Outgro" upon the skin surrounding the ingrowing nail reduces inflammation and pain and so toughens the tender, sensitive skin underneath the toe nail, that it can not penetrate the flesh, and the nail turns naturally outward almost overnight.

"Outgro" is a harmless, antiseptic manufactured for chiropodists. How ever, anyone can buy from the drug store a tiny bottle containing directions.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Cophers colony brooder, 100 chick capacity in good condition. Phone 524-M. S. Everett Harwood. \$216.

FOR SALE—The Butler property on Bradford place, consisting of two houses, barn, good sized garden, all in excellent repair. Inquire William H. Willis Phone 500, Bennington. \$216.

LOST—Thursday, in the village, possibly between Imperial avenue and the Congregational church, an old fashioned gold cross entwined by three gold leaves. Finder please return to Mrs. M. R. Nichols, Imperial Ave. and receive reward. \$216.

LOST—Between Sausville's store and 232 North street, a child's red hand bag. Finder please return to Mrs. Glenn Temple, 232 North St. \$216.

TO RENT—Small upstairs tenement. Adults only. 119 Jefferson Ave. \$216.

WANTED—Used Roadster in first class condition. Buick or Essex preferred. Best cash offer. Box 202. \$216.

WANTED—Sewing machine. Fixer at the Great Harrington Plant, Great Barrington, Mass. See F. L. Bottom. \$216.

WANTED—Young men, women, over 17, for Postal Mail Service. \$120 month. Examinations Apr-May. Experience unnecessary. For free particulars of instruction, write R. Terry (former Civil Service examiner) 120 Continental Bldg., Washington, D. C. \$216.

FOR SALE—Several young pigs, one heifer, fresh, calf with her, \$50.00; some good seed barley. Phone 183-16, J. H. Peters. \$216.

FOR SALE—Hupmobile 6 passenger touring car, bought in summer, 1920 model, perfect condition, has been run only about 500 miles. Will be sold to close an estate. Price \$1200, same car new costs \$1810. Apply to Mrs. William B. Putnam, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., tel. 56-V. \$216.

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